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Basic

Comment: 1. NEED FOR OIL: The oil situation in the United States of America is not critical. It is premature to even consider breaching the Northern Petroleum Reserve at this time. The USA NEEDS to, FIRST, adopt, and enforce, conservation efficiency in all motor vehicles and all other equipment using petroleum products. The current consumption of petroleum is not at a crisis nor has it reached a level of being the last resort for delving into whatever oil MAY BE in potential Alaska Northwest reserves. BLM should, in good conscience, propose conservation efficiency BEFORE advancing further inroads. It is ESSENTIAL for any and all Environmental Impact Statements to emphasize implementing conservation of petroleum through efficiency FIRST.

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Planning

2. INDIGENOUS WILDLIFE AND PLANT HABITATS: The Bureau of Land Management should give first priority to assuring the continuation of all native wildlife and plants in Alaska's Northwest Arctic areas. Once oil exploration and subsequent development takes place, the EIS as now prepared, DOES NOT RECOGNIZE the long range perpetuation of indigenous species. Protecting the wildlife and vegetative life is not only essential for subsistence of Alaska's natives, the original human inhabitants, it is mandatory to assure the ecological integrity of the habitats depended upon by wildlife and that the habitats of vegetation of plants, of tundra, of rivers, of lakes, etc. remain unimpaired.

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3. GENERAL:

As a former resident of Alaska, I am particularly concerned the long range well being of Alaska's Northwest Arctic is being given short shrift. As a USA citizen, I am particularly concerned that the Bureau of Land Management appears NOT to be looking decades, if not centuries, ahead. The agency, on behalf of the entire United States of America, should, above all, focus on future generations -- both human, together with wildlife and the continuation of the fragile northern plants and terrain.

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The Petroleum reserves were not set aside for "feeding" current generations' reckless disregard for protecting what are, basically, limited natural resources by - one might say - "sucking" it all up now, as fast as possible.

As a federal agency, the Bureau of Land Management should - must - look well beyond today's overuse of what really are, in the long run, scarce resources. And, oil, as we know, today, is not a renewable resource.

Sincerely Yours,

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